

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*WHEREAS, Lightning is the second leading cause of storm related deaths in the United States, killing more than tornadoes or hurricanes; and,*

*WHEREAS, Lightning inflicts life-long debilitating injuries on many more than it kills; and,*

*WHEREAS, Lightning is the second most common cause of weather related deaths and injuries; and,*

*WHEREAS, The vast majority of lightning casualties can be easily, quickly, and cheaply prevented through simple, easy to follow safety guidelines; and,*

*WHEREAS, There is a great need to increase public awareness of the lightning threat and lightning safety guidelines; and,*

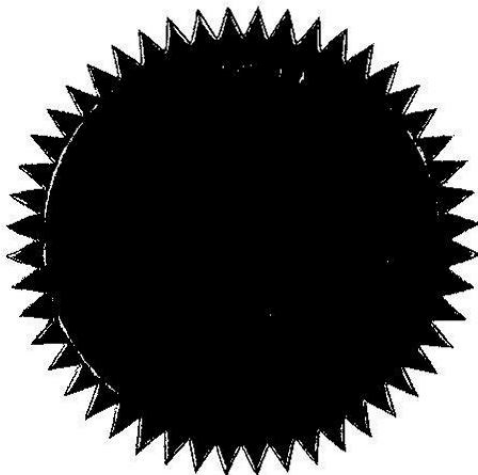
*WHEREAS, The National Weather Service has proclaimed and is sponsoring national Lightning Safety Awareness Week on June 22 through 28, 2003:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22 through 28, 2003, as*

#### *LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK*

*in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens, governmental, educational, media, and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the lightning threat, lightning safety guidelines, and recognize the invaluable contributions public education can make in preventing lightning deaths and lightning injuries.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.*



*M. Michael Rounds*

*M. Michael Rounds, Governor*

*Attest:*

*Chris Nelson*

*Chris Nelson, Secretary of State*